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1. [REDACTED] Called David Aaron, Legislative Assistant to Senator Walter F. Mondale (D., Minn.), regarding S. Res. 404, to create a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Policy. The resolution as printed had a typographical error, and Aaron gave me the correct information. Aaron inquired as to our position on the resolution and I outlined it for him, emphasizing that it had not yet been coordinated in the Executive branch.

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2. [REDACTED] Louise Becker, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, called and asked to talk to one of our technical experts on [REDACTED] equipment. A number of inquiries from the Hill on the subject of [REDACTED] have been directed to her, and she wanted to get a better understanding of the subject. She is not concerned with the legalities involved, but only the present state of the art and the capabilities of [REDACTED] equipment. Becker was referred to us by DIA, and is also contacting FBI for information. I told her I would check and call her back.

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3. [REDACTED] Randy Fette in the office of Representative James W. Symington (D., Mo.) called and asked for the specific cites of pending bills amending the Agency's charter referred to by the Director in his statement before the Fund for Peace Conference on CIA and Covert Actions. I referred him to S. 2597 and H.R. 15845.

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4. [REDACTED] Received a call from Dorothy Fosdick, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, Senate Government Operations Committee, who asked if it would be possible to [REDACTED] have a briefing on the reported tapes of the Arafat radio instructions to the terrorists in Khartoum, Sudan, to kill American embassy personnel. She asked if I could confirm before the end of the day whether such tapes existed in fact. After checking with [REDACTED] DDO, and [REDACTED] Africa Division, I advised Ms. Fosdick that the [REDACTED] of such tapes is not accurate and left open the question of a briefing until next week. [REDACTED] OCI, will be advised.

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[REDACTED] Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, visited the Agency and met with the Senior Seminar. He discussed the composition and role of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in today's Congress. His presentation appeared to be extremely well received and resulted in a good discussion with the members of the Seminar during the question period.

In a separate conversation I talked to him about the Director's response to Chairman Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.), Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, concerning the declassification of the transcript of the Director's testimony on 11 October 1973. In brief Czarnecki agreed that a negative response was anticipated at the time the letter was written and that a brief recitation of the understanding between the Director and the Chairman as to the executive format under which the briefing was given, together with whatever statements might be appropriate concerning changing of the rules at this stage of the game, would in his opinion be an appropriate response.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] Handcarried to the Committee staff office the Director's response of 24 October 1974 to the 7 October and 9 October 1974 letters to Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Senate Foreign Relations Committee, concerning the Committee study of policies and programs for 25X1A military equipment sales to foreign countries and the travel of [REDACTED] 25X1A and [REDACTED] to the Near East in connection with the study.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] Met briefly with Jim Pyrros, Administrative Assistant to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), as a follow up to my conversation of Wednesday, 23 October, with Nedzi, and told Pyrros the Agency will be billing Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) for the Ramsey Clark Hanoi tapes furnished to him under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Talked to Kent B. Crane, Administrative Assistant to Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.), as to the possibility of debriefing the Representative on his recent trip to China. Crane said that Frelinghuysen will not be returning to the city until Congress reassembles after the elections.

10. In connection with a previous call from George Murphy, Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, talked to Murphy again and he said that it would be alright if we got the information circulating in DOD regarding General Jan Sejna's knowledge of NATO and Warsaw Pact nuclear weapons and the explanatory papers on a recent probable significant event discussed with Murphy by Russ Fee, Secretary, Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, to him on Tuesday, 29 October. Murphy also confirmed that any post-event evaluations, unless they are extremely significant and timely, be deferred until the Director's briefing before the full Committee, which he anticipates will be sometime the beginning of the year.

11. Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, and OCI/LA, to a briefing of Senators James L. Buckley (R., N.Y.) and Harry F. Byrd (I., VA.), on SALT verification and Cuban exportation of terrorism. Since the Senators' time was limited the only questions asked of related to the authenticity of the John Barron article relating to Cuba and work by James Theberge, a professor at Georgetown University, to which Duckett indirectly replied by indicating that Barron had received assistance and said that we did not necessarily subscribe to Theberge's thesis. Senator Buckley appeared to anticipate most of the Soviet developments which were causing us concern, recognized the sensitivity which prevented its public use and said that Mr. Duckett had done an outstanding job in educating at least one Senator. Senator Byrd chimed in that he too found the information of great interest.

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25X1 12. [REDACTED] Met with Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, to discuss Chairman William S. Moorhead's (D., Pa.) response to the President's veto of H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. Kronfeld gave me a copy of Chairman Moorhead's letter to the President, in which Moorhead made it clear that when the Congress returns from recess they will, as soon as possible, vote on the President's veto. Kronfeld was quite certain that they had sufficient votes in both Houses to override the veto. As a position of compromise, however, Chairman Moorhead in his letter stated that hearings would be held to consider the objections raised by the President. According to Kronfeld, if the President's objections have merit, it might be possible for the Congress to amend H.R. 12471 during the 90-day period between override of the veto and the effective date of the law.

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